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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 Twelfth Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: <u>P2P Alliance Petition for Clarification</u>

Notice of ex parte presentation, CG Docket No. 02-278

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On May 10, 2019 and on behalf of the P2P Alliance ("Alliance"), Howard Waltzman and I from Mayer Brown, along with members of the Alliance, Roddy Lindsay, CEO, Hustle, Inc. and Gerrit Lansing, Co-Founder, Opn Sesame LLC, met with Chairman Ajit Pai and his Public Safety and Consumer Protection Advisor, Zenji Nakazawa, to discuss the Alliance's pending petition. In our meeting, we explained that P2P texting allows organizations to communicate with students, employees, neighborhood residents, voters, and customers through individualized, manually-sent, person-to-person text messages that provide individuals with timely, relevant information and permit real-time, two-way communications between the sender and the recipient. Each text message is individually and manually sent from a single sender to a single recipient.

We also spoke about the key role fulfilled by P2P texting in rendering aid to Houston, Texas residents affected by Hurricane Harvey last year. We emphasized that an FCC clarification at this time would be consistent with the Commission's important role to help localities prepare for and respond to hurricanes and other natural disasters.

Sincerely,

/s/

Angela E. Giancarlo
Counsel to P2P Alliance

cc: Zenji Nakazawa

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See P2P Alliance Petition for Clarification Under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, CG Docket No. 02-278 (filed May 3, 2018).